

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:

a memory storage configured to store ~~means for storing~~ setting information including at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user; and

~~processing means~~ a processor configured to execute ~~for executing~~ a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said ~~storage means~~ memory, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 2 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said setting information includes whether or not a zoom is required when printing information, and/or a printing position on the recording medium.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~

wherein the memory is configured to store ~~means for storing~~ the setting information ~~in said storage means~~ in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

~~means for notifying~~ a notifying device configured to notify to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when

corresponding setting information is not stored in ~~storage means~~ the memory, together with information indicating an available size of the recording medium, so as to request the setting instruction.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

~~setting means for setting and storing~~ a setting device configured to set and store the setting information in the ~~storage means~~ memory.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said setting information is stored in said memory ~~storage means~~ in the form of a table.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said setting information is stored in said memory ~~storage means~~ with respect to each user.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An image forming method comprising:
~~a reading step~~ reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user from a ~~storage means~~ memory; and
~~a processing step~~ executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the

setting information stored in said ~~storage means~~ memory, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 11 (Original): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information includes whether or not a zoom is required when printing information, and/or a printing position on the recording medium.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

~~a registering step~~ storing the setting information in said memory ~~storage means~~ in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising:

~~a step~~ notifying to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when corresponding setting information is not stored in said ~~storage means~~ memory, together with information indicating an available size of the recording medium, so as to request the setting instruction.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

~~a setting step~~ setting and storing the setting information in said ~~storage means~~ memory.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information is stored in said memory ~~storage means~~ in the form of a table.

Claims 16-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information is stored in said memory ~~storage means~~ with respect to each user.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program comprising:

a reading procedure causing the computer to read setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user from a memory ~~storage means~~; and

a processing procedure causing the computer to execute a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said ~~storage means~~ memory, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program comprising:

a registering procedure causing the computer to register setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user to be used when a size of a recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 21 (Original): The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 20, wherein the computer program is with respect to one of a computer within a host unit which outputs the print instruction with respect to an image forming apparatus and a computer within the image forming apparatus which prints the information on the recording medium.

Claim 22 (New): An image forming apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing setting information including at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user; and
processing means for executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 23 (New): An image forming method comprising:
a reading step reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user from storage means; and
a processing step executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.